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is not a fair characterization. The recitals for the electrodes are virtually identical between Claim 1 and 2, differing only by the range of the bulk resistivity value. The electrode of Claim 1 has a more specific, narrower range of bulk resistivity values.

The electrode of Claim 1 and Group I, is believed to be novel within its range. The electrode of Claim 2 and Group II is believed to be novel within its range in the context of the circuit of Claim 2 and Group II.

Both groups address assemblies relating to the same invention within the meaning of 35 USC 121, 372, claimed according to the different aspects.

Reconsideration of this restriction requirement is accordingly requested.

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